[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

before Mr. Krishnamurti Aiyar, Sanitary Commissioner, was deputed for census work, any one collected subscriptions from his subordinates for a memorial in his name ?

(*b*) Was the permission of the Government asked for or obtained in that matter ?

(*c*) What was the amount collected for the purpose from the subordinates of that department ?

(*d*) Will the Government severely punish those who are concerned in the matter, in case the money was collected without obtaining the permission of Government ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

Circuit work of the Sanitary Commissioner.

21. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present Sanitary Commissioner has gone on circuit to either the Devicolam Division or adjoining places since his reversion as Sanitary Commissioner ; and

(*b*) whether he has gone to any place on circuit since his reversion as Sanitary Commissioner ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Ganja and Opium Stores.

22. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any stock-taking of the ganja and opium stores in the Excise Commissioner's Office during the last three years ?

(*b*) If the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to state whether they will depute a competent Secretary from the Huzur Office to do the same without delay ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Stock-taking has been done regularly every month during the last three years.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), no answer is called for.

Excise Circle with the Largest Customs Revenue

23. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state which Excise Circle is it that brings in the largest amount of customs revenue ?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Arukutty Division.

Disbandment of Excise Officers.

24. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Petty Officers and peons disbanded in connection with the reorganisation of the Excise Department?

(*b*) How may of these were disbanded in each Circle?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No permanent hands were disbanded in connection with the reorganisation, but 20 Petty Officers and 139 peons who were either temporary or acting were disbanded.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table

Revenue from the Arukutty Circle.

25. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the annual income under customs revenue in the Arukutty Circle for the past seven years;

(*b*) the amount of customs revenue in the Arukutty Circle in the current year until Edavam last;

(*c*) whether the customs revenue of the Arukutty Circle in 1098 is less than that in 1097, and, if so, what the amount of the fall is; and

(*d*) the reason for the fall?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Year.	Revenue.		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1091	8,00,769	25	2
1092	8,34,221	27	14
1093	7,81,379	16	5
1094	9,93,514	5	1
1095	9,20,520	17	9
1096	10,99,383	11	7
1097	11,97,413	11	0

(*b*) The customs revenue up to the end of Edavam, 1098, is Rs. 8,75,682-3-9.

(*c*) The customs revenue of the Arukutty Division in 1098 up to the end of Edavam is less than that of the corresponding period of 1097 and the fall is B. Rs. 1,91,379-4-9.

(*d*) The fall is reported to be mainly under copra, cocoanut oil, coir, dry ginger, and pepper. The fall under coir and pepper which amounts to Rs. 70,000 is due evidently to the diversion of exports through the Alleppey Sea Customs where there is an increase of Rs. 1,23,000

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